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For: Device for Displacing a Tongue Blade in Addition to a Height-Adjustable Roller Device	Confirmation No.: To be Assigned))	
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Enclosed for the consideration of the Examiner in connection with the prosecution of this case is a copy of each of the four documents set forth on the attached Form PTO/SB/08 that were cited in the corresponding German application.

DE 40 41 264 A1 relates to a device for raising the switch blade of a switch. A plurality of rollers having their axes being parallel to the direction of the guide rail transfer the switch blade in a transversal direction towards the guide rail. Each roll is supported by one arm of a two-arm level whose axis is disposed parallel to the axes of the rollers (see Fig. 2). The minimal stroke of the first arm of this two-arm level is adjusted in a manner, so that the upper surface of the roller mounted on this arm is lying coplanar with the upper surface of the sliding support of the switch blade. In contrast

hereto, and in the event that the level supporting this roller is disposed horizontally, the upper surface of this roller is raised with respect to the plane of the slide surface.

DE 1 658 366 is directed to a guiding device for a switch blade comprising solid rollers made of steel, cast steel or grey cast iron being supported by a polyamide trestle or a cast iron trestle having polyamide bearings for the rollers.

DE 196 23 269 A1 describes a device for switching switch blades whose tip bears on a number of rollers forming a slide support for the switch blade. In order to facilitate the switching movement, the front roller (7a) is disposed marginally lower than the rear roller (7b).

EP 0 700 474 B1 is directed to a switch blade roller device. See English language claims in column 4 of this document.

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